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DES extends public comment period for Lower Liberty Hill Road Remedial Action Plan Addendum

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) will be extending the public comment period for the Lower Liberty Hill Road Remedial Action Plan Addendum from April 25, 2008 to May 8, 2008.

DES recently completed its review of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Addendum prepared on behalf of KeySpan Energy Delivery (KeySpan) for the Lower Liberty Hill Road Site in Gilford, New Hampshire. DES issued a letter to KeySpan on February 29, 2008 summarizing its preliminary evaluation of KeySpan's selected alternative for conformance with the criteria for RAP approval found in Env-Or 606.13 of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Or 600, Contaminated Site Management.

On March 24, 2008, DES held an informational meeting in Gilford to present to the community DES' preliminary determination and to seek public comment. At the meeting it was announced that DES would allow for a public comment period that ended on April 25, 2008. Subsequent to the informational meeting, the DES received a request from the Gilford Board of Selectmen to extend the public comment period from April 25, 2008 to May 8, 2008 to allow for sufficient time for the Selectmen to consult with the Town's environmental consultant and counsel prior to the submittal of written comments. As a result of the Town's request, DES will accept comments through the end of business on May 8, 2008.

A final decision on the RAP will not be issued until DES has had a full opportunity to review all public comments. DES expects to issue a remedy selection decision within 60 days following the close of the public comment period.

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